

## Committee Meeting 15 May 2025 on Zoom Notes of Meeting

**Present:** Meg Andrews (Chair), Mark Beswick, David Keighley, Neville Andrews, Sharon Kaye, Andy Beecroft, Tim Scarrott, David Leigh

**Apologies** Sandi Kinkead

1	Minutes of 17 April meeting	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	There had been no response from WMDC to either the CRM issues (mainly dropped kerbs) or the suggested revision to the speed limit on Oakenshaw Lane. Earth Day was worth doing with David, Andy, Meg and Neville volunteering. Some good contacts were made.	
3	Rides programme/ Ride Statistics	No current issues. WoW rides had recently been led by Andy. Future WoW rides are as follows: 1 June Led by Neville starting at Nostell 6 July Led by Tim starting at Anglers 3 August Led by Andy starting at Pugneys 7 September Led by Sharon, Lisa or Sandi starting at The Hepworth 5 October Led by Sandy starting at Nostell 2 November Led by Neville starting at Anglers 7 December Led by Andy starting at Pugneys	Meg  Sharon Tim
4	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £76032.15. Since the start of the financial year there have only been three transactions. A discussion was held regarding tombola prizes for Holiday Wednesdays. It was agreed that Sharon could spend £90 to purchase 262 miscellaneous toys. These could last over several years. Meg would approach Haribo and Tangerine to try and source small packets of sweets as consolation prizes. David L advised that the average take on a Holiday Wednesday was around £45.	David L  Sharon Meg
5	Workdays and equipment	Andy had recently replaced some WoW signs and had recruited a helper. Volunteers are being sought through the medium of the next Forum newsletter and the TpT newsletter. Andy is reluctant to order more materials for path repairs until existing stock is exhausted. Some work will be required at Sike Lane bridge where the repairs done by WMDC had not been of a high standard.	Andy

		<p>Andy had not been able to put the trailer for sale yet but would do so in June.</p> <p>Concern was expressed at the state of the zig zag path down from Navvy Lane, Cold Hiendley. This would be looked into.</p>	
6	Bags for riders who borrow Forum bikes	Sandi was continuing to look into this. A string bag was thought to be a solution but had not proved so. Now exploring bags attached to the crossbar or behind the saddle. Alternatively, a lightweight backpack might be a solution.	Sandi
7	Retaining Forum paper records going back to 2008	After discussion it was agreed that the six boxes could be disposed of using an industrial shredder. The current membership database contains full details and these records should be retained for three years to cover the Forum for any claims.	David K
8	Resuming face to face meetings	The Chair suggested that these could be held on a Saturday or Sunday when there are no Forum rides (usually the fifth weekend of the month) Alternatively they could be held after an easy ride. It was agreed that the next meeting would be face to face on Thursday 19 June starting at 1030.	All
9	Venue for 2025 AGM	We will revert to using Wakefield Town Hall, subject to the charge being reasonable. Dates of 3 or 31 July have been provisionally allocated with a 7pm start. Meg will approach Tillie or Lou re this.	All
10	10 August event at Pugneys	It currently looks as though this will not be happening.	
11	Women of Wakefield WoW	This is scheduled for 7 September starting at the Hepworth. It will be led by Sandi, Lisa or Sharon. It will not be exclusively for women.	Tim
12	WMDC Cycle Wakefield Teams meeting 14 May	<p>This was relatively poorly attended and neither Lou, Martin Barnes or Andrew Spittlehouse were present. The main topics discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The best way for the Forum to have an input into planning decisions</li> <li>• Is the meeting useful? /Should it continue in this format?</li> <li>• Ubi wishes to step down as chair but will stay until a replacement is found</li> <li>• Concern that some paths were good enough for leisure cycling but the network was not good enough for cycle commuters</li> <li>• The Bikeability Trust have revised the rules such that the risk is borne by the providers not by Bikeability (e.g. when events are cancelled)</li> <li>• Earth Day has been a useful event</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent infrastructure improvements included half of Grandstand Way (Outwood) with the second half completed this summer. Ackworth – Fitzwilliam path review is complete and physical work will start in the winter. Five barriers had been removed. There will be a push on local highway/cycle path work in 2026/7</li> <li>Sustrans want to know from the Forum which route option they support for the Thornes Wharf – Denby Dale riverside missing link reinstatement.</li> </ul>	
13	Any other business	<p><u>Last item (above):</u> After discussion it was agreed that Mark would advise Sustrans that we favoured the cheapest option</p> <p><u>Canal towpath Healey Mills-Horbury Bridge repair:</u> The breach had been repaired but the surface used was not cycling friendly (around 20m in length)</p> <p><u>A WoW ride for Easy Ride participants:</u> It was suggested that this could be the October WoW ride</p> <p><u>Sandal Castle path:</u> This was nearing completion and there were positive signs that at long last the path at the back of Aldi could be created. A frames have gone.</p> <p><u>Children’s cycles at Nostell:</u> Evans have an offer on Muddy Fox bikes. To be investigated.</p> <p><u>Bike Shed at Nostell:</u> This could be transformed from an eyesore to a thing of beauty with a cycle themed mural. A cycle repair stand could be provided here. This is however dependent on funding from the National Trust.</p>	<p>Mark</p> <p>David K Neville</p>
9	Next meeting	Thursday 19 June at 1030 probably at the Brig in Normanton	All